

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS— SURVIVORS' BENEFITS

H. J. R. No. 37

Proposing an Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new section, Section 51—d, so as to provide for the payment of assistance by the State of Texas to the surviving spouse and minor children of law enforcement officers, custodial personnel of the Texas Department of Corrections or full-paid firemen who suffer violent death in the course of the performance of their duties as law enforcement officers, custodial personnel of the Texas Department of Corrections or as full-paid firemen; providing for the necessary election, form of ballot, proclamation, and publication.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article III, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding Section 51—d to read as follows:

"Section 51—d. The Legislature shall have the power, by general law, to provide for the payment of assistance by the State of Texas to the surviving spouse and minor children of law enforcement officers, custodial personnel of the Texas Department of Corrections or of full-paid firemen who suffer violent death in the course of the performance of their duties as law enforcement officers, custodial personnel of the Texas Department of Corrections or as full-paid firemen."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1966, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendment providing for the payment of assistance by the State of Texas to the surviving spouse and minor children of law enforcement officers, custodial personnel of the Texas Department of Corrections or full-paid firemen who suffer violent death in the course of the performance of their duties as law enforcement officers, custodial personnel of the Texas Department of Corrections or as full-paid firemen.

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendment providing for the payment of assistance by the State of Texas to the surviving spouse and minor children of law enforcement officers, custodial personnel of the Texas Department of Corrections or full-paid firemen who suffer violent death in the course of the performance of their duties as law enforcement officers, custodial personnel of the Texas Department of Corrections or as full-paid firemen."

Each voter shall mark out one of said clauses on the ballot, leaving the one expressing his vote on the proposed Amendment. In counties using voting machines, the above provision for voting, for and against this Constitutional Amendment, shall be placed on said machine in such a manner that each voter may vote on such machines for or against the Constitutional Amendment.

Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Adopted by the House on March 23, 1965: Yeas 126, Nays 11; House concurred in Senate amendment on May 28, 1965: Yeas 142, Nays 0; adopted by the Senate, as amended, on May 27, 1965: Yeas 24, Nays 5.

Signed by the Governor June 13, 1965.